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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Yuti Chernajovsky, et al.
U.S. Serial No.: 09/285,531 Examiner: E. O'Hara
Filed : April 2, 1999 Group Art Unit: 1646
For : SMALL MOLECULAR WEIGHT TNF RECEPTOR MULTIMERIC
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF
TIME AS A SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed as a submission with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 19, 2002, making an Appeal Brief due October 19, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time for filing an Appeal Brief. The fee for a five-month extension is ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$1970.00). A check for a total amount of TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$2720.00) is enclosed, which amount includes the \$1970.00 extension fee and the \$750.00 RCE filing fee. An Appeal Brief is now due March 19, 2003. Accordingly, this application is presently pending, and this Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying RCE papers are being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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